

Will Smith hits Chris Rock in face in wild, censored Oscars 2022 moment

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Chris Rock got the bejesus slapped out of him by none other than Will Smith at the 2022 Oscars.

After Rock joked that he couldn't wait to see Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, in "G.I. Jane 2," Smith ran onto the stage at Dolby Theatre and hit Rock in the face.

The audio was cut and censored for several seconds, but captions indicated that the "King Richard" star said, "Keep my wife's name out of your f-king mouth." Audio from the uncensored Australian broadcast appears to confirm this.

Before Smith smacked the comedian, Rock had made a joke about Pinkett being in the fake action film because of her bald head.

She had previously spoken about having a hair loss condition, [alopecia](#).

"I did not know that this year would be the most exciting Oscar ever," Sean "Diddy" Combs said afterward. "Will and Chris, we're gonna solve that like family at the goal party, right now we're moving on with love."

After the seemingly impromptu viral moment, [according to The Hollywood Reporter columnist Scott Feinberg](#), during the commercial break, Smith was comforted by Denzel Washington and Tyler Perry. The men motioned for him to turn the other cheek and Smith looked like he wiped tears from his face.

Smith then took his seat next to his wife, with Washington comforting the couple. He later revealed in his Best Actor award speech that the actor gave him sound advice.

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"Denzel (Washington) said to me at the highest moment, be careful — that's when the devil comes for you. It's like, I want to be a vessel for love."

Still, Twitter was shocked by the viral moment, with many fans immediately expressing their thoughts after the segment. "Okay...WHAT JUST HAPPENED with that will and Chris thing #Oscars," one **wrote**.

Another **added**, "We wont talk about Bruno, but we need to talk about Will and Chris? Wtf just happen? #Oscars#Oscars2022."

One fan **chimed** in, "i'm sitting right here and i thought that was scripted. that was not scripted oh my god what's the story will and chris?!!! #Oscars."

Someone **wrote**, "Jaws are on the floor here at Neons #Oscars party after what just happened between Will and Chris Rock."

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Another **joked**, "how are they gonna have a gospel segment after what just happened with will and chris." The In Memoriam portion of the telecast was presented right after the wild moment.